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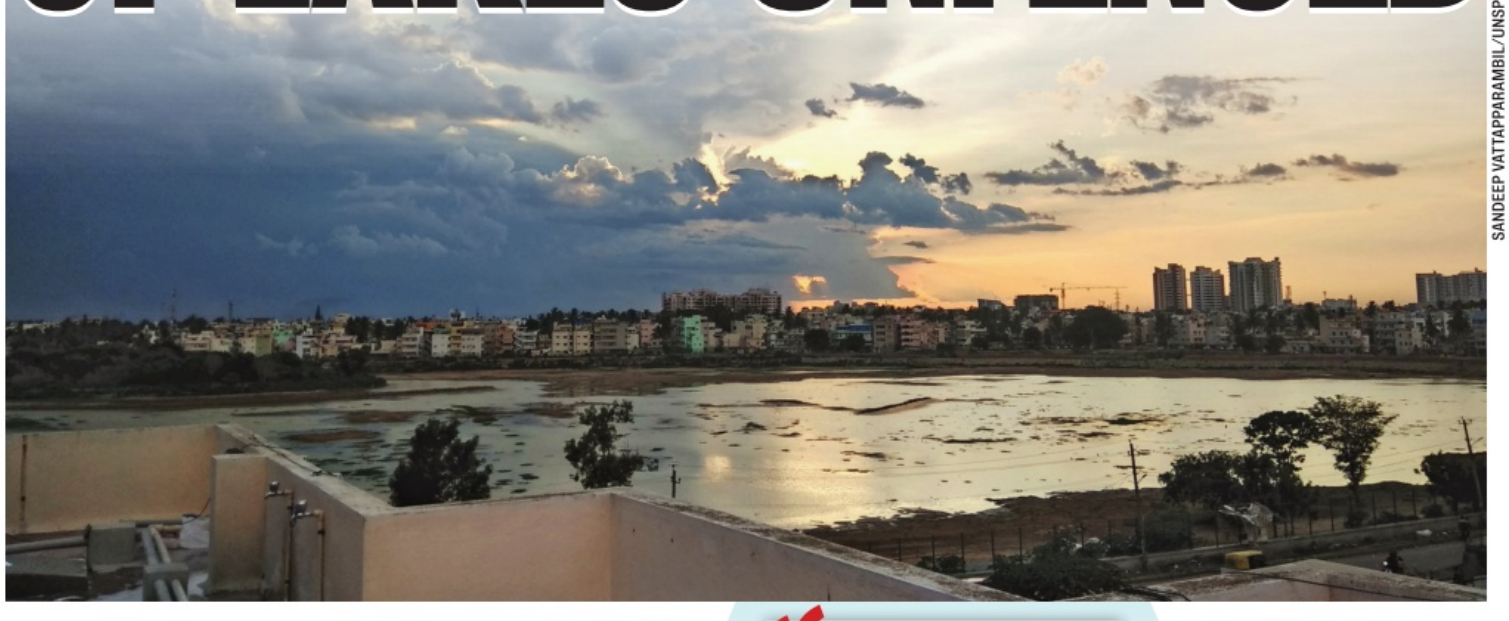

SANDEEP VATTAPPARAMBIL/UNSPLASH

Birds fly in from all over the world to Bengaluru lakes

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A survey of seven lakes in South Bengaluru has found violations in fencing to different degrees, pointing towards threat to biodiversity thriving within the habitats.

The brief survey which was conducted in December 2023 for a period of 10 days by ActionAid Association in all the seven lakes of South Bengaluru — Anjanapura, Chunchaghatta, Doddakallasandra, Dorekere, Konanakunte, Kothnur and Subbaraayakere — has now been submitted to the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The survey noted that fencing the lake is considered as the first line or basic protection for the lake. "It provides security to the lake inhabitants from disturbance. Violations in fencing were observed across all the seven lakes with variance. As a consequence, it adds on the survival risk to the biodiversity within the lake particularly in late evenings and nights when there is no guarding at lake. It creates disturbance to birds and their habitation. It also provides scope for people to consume alcohol and smoke which has led to torching and loss of bamboo plantation in few lakes," the report said.

> "It adds on the survival risk to the biodiversity... in late evenings and nights when there is no guarding at lake
> — ActionAid Association report

The survey noted that 73 – 124 bird species visit these lakes, with Subbaraaya Lake recording 73 and Dorekere lake recording 124 bird species.

Forty three migratory bird species have been observed in the seven lakes, showing that lakes in Bengaluru are still relevant to birds which fly in from different parts of the globe for breeding.

One of the common factors among all the lakes, with one exception (Dorekere), is they are either rejuvenated or development works were undertaken in the past five years. Two lakes, Konanakunte and Subbaraaya lakes, rejuvenated in 2023 still have fencing issues left unaddressed.

"Four out of seven lakes (Chunchaghatta, Doddakallasandra, Konanakunte and Subbaraayakere) having

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PARK FOR HEROES

Civic body proposes setting up of city's first soldier-themed park

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Finally heeding to defence officers' demands, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has proposed to set up the city's first soldier-themed park. The park will be exclusively used for commemorating army-related celebrations and festivals.

The park is proposed to be spread over 29.5 acres and will come up in Yelahanka where many army personnel have made their homes. The park aims to create an exclusive space for army personnel that can be used for all their functions and celebrations.

"We received a lot of requests from defence personnel to create an exclusive space for them. Yelahanka is also an area with a lot of defence-related institutions and their families reside here. At BBMP, we have considered their requests and decided to build a park for them. At Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road, we have identified a space allocated for park development. The space is currently being used to dump timber by the Forest Department. We have

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 Perfect craft

Exciting news for art and craft lovers. 'Indian Craft Collective' by folklore artists is a 10-day handicraft & Handloom exhibition, showcasing a wide range of silk & cotton sarees, arts and crafts, furniture and a lot more. The exhibition is curated to give a platform to 60 + craftspersons to display their products. You will find handcrafted masterpieces and some unique collectables in one of the 80 + stalls with artisans and artists from all over the country. **Where: Jayamahal Palace When: From February 23 to March 3**

02 Music for a cause

The Akshaya Patra Foundation, the Government of India's implementing partner for the mid-may meal scheme, is hosting Music for Meals, an annual mega event, featuring Vijay Prakash, renowned playback singer of "Singara Siriye" (Kantara) fame, and Pravin Godkhindi, acclaimed Indian Classical Hindustani Flute Player. The event aims to blend the harmony of music with the mission of feeding millions of children in need. The entry to the event has been uniquely designed, with individuals getting a complimentary pass by donating to 3 children. The proceeds will serve mid-day meals to socioeconomically challenged children in government and government-aided schools across India. **Where: Taj Yeshwantpur, Aura Hall, Bengaluru Date: 1st March 2024; When: March 1, 5 pm onwards**

10,000 IVF births

More than 10,000 couples who could not produce offspring via natural methods have become parents via In vitro fertilisation (IVF), said Jayaram R, Associate Vice-President at GarbhaGudi IVF Centre Pvt Ltd. Jayaram told the media, "For couples

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Oh deer

Marathahalli, Whitefield and Kadugodi police recovered 39 deer antlers worth Rs 20 lakh, several two wheelers, jewellery and cell phones, that were displayed at the HAL police station on Wednesday

Speed up work on lake's sewage treatment plant

Expedite process of acquiring 9.36 acres by compensating farmers, minister tells officials

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Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed has the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to issue a notice to the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), asking the agency to expedite the Sewage Treatment Plant work to ensure industrial effluent is not discharged directly into the Chandapura Lake.

The Minister directed the officials concerned to expedite the process of acquiring 9.36 acres already identified by Jigani, Bommasandra, Hebbagodi and Chandapura urban local bodies by paying appropriate compensation to the farmers.

Interestingly, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order last year regarding damage to Chandapura Lake had rapped KSPCB for its inaction. Earlier, in an order dated October 10, 2022, the tribunal had directed the Karnataka government to pay a compensation of Rs 500 crore for not maintaining the lake.

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National Green Tribunal slaps Rs 500 cr fine on state govt for failing to check depletion of Chandapura Lake; terms inaction breach of 'public trust doctrine'
PENALTY CORNER
Restoration supervised by wetland authority within 6 months'

BM had reported on October 14, 2022 about the Rs 500-cr fine slapped by NGT on state government for depletion of Chandapura Lake

The catchment of Chandapura Lake (file photo) has an area of about 9,839 hectares. The area has about 543 industries, of which 206 generate liquid waste

NGT had then observed that the huge damage caused to the lake was due to the inaction of the authorities and passed the order based on the factual aspects of a report by a joint committee comprising of officials from the Central Pollution Control Board, KSPCB, Indian Institute of Science, State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority of Karnataka, National Wetland Committee, State Wetland Authority and the district magistrate of Bengaluru. "Of the Rs 500 crore imposed as penalty, Rs 340 crore has already been released. Rs 141 crore has been recovered from 12 industries in the catchment area of Chandapura Lake that were issued notices for discharging hazardous waste into the water body," said Khandre.

The catchment of Chandapura Lake has an area of about 9,839 hectares and has about 543 industries in the area. Out of these, 206 industries generate liquid waste and 54 of these companies were issued notices for discharging hazardous waste. Of these, 12 units were shut down and Rs 141 crore was recovered. "All these industries were inspected by a third party. Steps have to be taken to recover the penalty amount from the rest of the industries and freeze the bank accounts of units that have not paid the amount. Instructions have been issued to take action agains t multi-storey buildings and industrial units that are not treating waste water and are polluting the lake," added Khandre.

E-waste

The Minister also hinted at a stringent Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) rule for e-waste disposal. The minister held a meeting with the representatives of e-waste processors/recyclers on Wednesday and directed them to follow the e-waste management rules strictly.

"E-waste should be treated scientifically, keeping in mind the health of the future generations. Currently, 3.8 million metric tons of e-waste is generated annually across the country. Out of this, 0.8 million is generated in Karnataka. To dispose of this waste safely, a total of 108 e-waste processing units are currently functioning in the state," said the Minister.

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Pedestrians must make space for debris here

Commercial construction debris dumped on footpath build under Smart City Mission at Millers Road

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For over six months now, the footpath on Millers Road Extension, built under the Smart City Mission and opened to the public nearly a year ago, has been in complete disarray. This is because the pavement is being used by a commercial building on the stretch to dump construction material, forcing pedestrians to walk on the busy road. BM had reported the encroachment of a nearly 150-metre walkway nearly a month ago. Following the article, while encroachment of the footpath from construction debris such as excavated soil, gravel, and bricks were cleared off immediately then, but the situation is back to square one.

The walkway is yet again blocked by construction material from a nearby building under construction.

"After leaving the footpath in a mess and not rectifying it, having destroyed public property, the builders are at it again. Fresh lot of bricks has been unloaded on the footpath. This despite the area MLA intervening and getting it cleared," said a resident of the area.

Locals alleged that the pavement was covered by various C&D material and waste for months. This was done by destroying the landscape created by Bengaluru Smart City Ltd (BSCL) hardly a year ago.

"For months, the pedestrian way was buried under excavated soil piles, cement blocks, rubble, etc. This had not only blocked the pavement, pushing walkers on the main road, but also destroyed the landscape put in place by Smart city. The pavement has been in this state since at least November last year. We reached out to the local MLA after illegal activities had started in the encroached portion. After the issue was highlighted, encroachment was cleared. However, they have again started stocking construction raw material on the pavement," lamented another resident of the area.

> **"After leaving the footpath in a mess and not rectifying it, having destroyed public property, the builders are at it again**
> – Resident of area near Millers Road

Locals say, there is no footpath to walk anymore. They complain that while the Smart City pavement built for the public has been completely obliterated and encroached upon, there has been no action taken against the offenders. "It has hardly been a year since BSCL completed the stretch. After months of inconvenience due to encroachment, while the debris was cleared nearly two months ago, it was evident that the pavement was destroyed. Strict action should be taken against the offenders," said another resident.

Construction material has been dumped on footpath that was just made under Smart City work at Millers Road

29.5-acre park planned in Yelahanka

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received Rs 5 crore under the BBMP administrator funds for the project," said a senior BBMP official.

As per the proposal, BBMP will be dedicating the park to all army heroes but there will be a primary focus on Karnataka-based army heroes. "We are planning 3-4 zones in the park. One of the zones will have a 'Sainik' zone which will be exclusively for army officials. For the zone, we are planning a pond area with a dry deck fountain, an amphitheatre, murals, and a wall with writings. There will be a wall explaining the history of wars and the sacrifices of the army personnel," he added. As per the concept plan drawn up by the BBMP, the park will have a flag post followed by a ceremonial path leading to the spoke-themed central plaza, amphitheatre, play zone and skating area.

BBMP will offer the space without charging any user fee from the people.

However, the civic body has planned for the construction of the park in a phased manner. In the first phase, murals, an amphitheatre, and a wall with writings will be conceived. In the second phase, Palike plans to build a guided tour with sculptures of famous army officials with a specific focus on Karnataka heroes like Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, complete with lighting and landscaping.

First line of lake defence breached

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dispute/litigation issues are facing violations in fencing. In spite of all the dispute/litigation, development works with budgets running into crores of rupees, were carried out while no special fencing arrangements to protect the lake biodiversity were noticed," the survey report highlighted. The report highlighted the recommendations made by Justice NK Patil Committee for preservation of lakes in the city.

"Core operations like survey, removal of encroachments, fencing, watch and ward, clearing of blocked and encroached rajakaluves and drains, waste-weir repairs, desilting to the extent absolutely required are to be taken up on priority. Unless sewage entry is restricted, based on the experience of lakes developed so far, no lake improvement is to be taken up except survey, removal of encroachments, fencing and watch and ward. There is no point in de-silting and other developments, if the lake continues to receive polluted water," the committee had noted. The report has suggested the BBMP to ensure every lake within its limits follows the process in order of survey, boundaries fixing after clearing encroachments, and fencing. It recommended the BBMP take up all development/rejuvenation works only when lakes have completed the due process. It also called for identification of violations in lake fences to be fixed within a stipulated period of one week and in cases of repetitive violations, the matter to be escalated to the local police stations notice.

Raghavendra Pachhapur, senior lead (projects) at ActionAid has been consistently pointing out the inadequacies in fencing across lakes and has called on authorities to act immediately.

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Jayanagar

Construction debris is dumped in front of a park gate at the corner of 33rd Cross and 5th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar. This is hindering access to the park for the past 10 days.

Take over

Doddabidarakallu

The footpath at Channanayakanapalya Road, Doddabidarakallu, is completely encroached upon by vendors and so on, leaving pedestrians to have to take their chances by walking on the road.

Dark times

Brunton Road

There are no lights on Brunton Road and needless to say post 6.45 pm, this poses a dangerous situation for pedestrians, especially women and elderly.

Poster campaign to take police to the people

Info on nearest police stations printed on pamphlets and pasted on shops across city

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In order to create citizen-centric policing, the Bengaluru police has started pasting posters on commercial establishments for the past one month. These posters have printed on them phone numbers and other details of the nearest police station.

A senior police officer informed BM that the police did take the permission from the commercial establishments before sticking the posters.

"The posters are across the city and are mostly being done in law and order divisions. This will help the people to get access to the police station and the officers," said the police.

The step has been appreciated by the people who say that police visibility helps to make people feel safe. "This will help people connect directly to the jurisdictional station and officers. But being citizen-friendly is more than just giving out contact details. The focus of the discussion should be on how the police respond to citizens. They can focus on providing correct and timely responses across stations and zones," said Sumit, a citizen.

Another Bengalurean told us that she hasn't come across any such poster in the city. "I travel throughout the city for my work and I haven't seen any such posters. It might be that they have just started putting these up. But overall this is a good initiative, as a citizen I would want to scan a QR code anywhere and get the details of the nearest police station. They should put the posters and the QR codes at eateries where people frequently visit as there are cases where fights break out in restaurants. In these cases, it will be helpful to contact the police immediately," said the elderly resident.

Police personnel control the situation after unease in an area (File photo)

School vehicle check continues

Traffic police conducted a targeted enforcement drive aimed at ensuring the safety of school vehicles and their passengers on Wednesday. Running from 7:30 am to 9:30 am, the initiative focused on two critical issues: drink and drive violations, and the overloading of children in vehicles. The results of the operation underscored the importance of such measures in safeguarding young lives.

During the enforcement effort, authorities meticulously examined 2,059 school vehicles. Shockingly, in the case of drink and drive offences, seven drivers were found to be in violation. This alarming statistic serves as a stark reminder of the potential dangers posed by individuals who choose to operate vehicles under the influence, particularly when responsible for transporting children.

Moreover, the inspection revealed an even more concerning trend: 331 cases of vehicles were found carrying more children than is allowed. Overloading poses significant risks, including reduced maneuverability, compromised safety features, and increased vulnerability in the event of an accident.

Hookah bar ban: Bill passed in Assembly

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Wednesday passed a bill that prohibits hookah bars in the state, and carries a penal provision of imprisonment of one-to-three years and fines of up to Rs 1 lakh for violations.

The bill also prohibits the use of tobacco products in public places, and the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products near educational institutions and to persons below the age of 21 years.

The bill titled the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2024, amends the central act of 2003 in its application to the state of Karnataka.

No person shall either on his own or on behalf of any other person open or run any hookah bar in any place, including the eating house or pub or bar or restaurant by whatever name it is called, the bill said.

Hookah bar means "an establishment or place where people gather to smoke tobacco from a communal hookah or narghile, which is provided individually," according to the text of the bill.

Piloting the bill for the consideration of the House, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the main intention is to safeguard the health of citizens, especially the youth, and to stem the tide of tobacco-related diseases. -PTI

HC breather to Byju's CEO

Resolution of ouster, formation of new board declared invalid till final hearing

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday ordered that any resolutions, proposed to be passed in the Friday meeting called by select Byju's investors to remove its founder Byju Raveendran as CEO and appoint a new board, are invalid until the final hearing and disposition of this petition.

The court passed the order on a petition filed by Think & Learn Private Ltd, the parent company of Byju's.

The edtech major had filed the petition under Section 9 of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. It argued that certain investors, including General Atlantic, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, MIH EdTech Investments, Own Ventures, Peak XV Partners (formerly Sequoia Capital India & SEA), SCI Investments, SCHF PV Mauritius, Sands Capital Global Innovation Fund, Sofina, and T. Rowe Price Associates, had violated the Articles of Association (AoA), the Shareholders' Agreement (SHA), and the Companies Act, 2013 by calling for an EGM on February 23.

The company had "evidence and multiple exhibits to support its case", seeking to prevent these investors from disrupting the company's operations by depriving it of urgently needed capital.

"The company remains confident in its ability to navigate the current challenges and thanks all its shareholders for their overwhelming participation in the ongoing rights issue," it said in a statement.

In its petition, the company highlighted that the purported reasons for the EGM, including the removal of Raveendran as CEO and Chairman, Divya Gokulnath and Riju Raveendran as Directors, "were merely a smokescreen designed to disrupt the management, control, and functioning of the company". -IANS

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Slipping away, sands of time

69.51 lakh hectares of state's land affected by desertification, land degradation; loss of vegetation cover, water erosion said to be biggest reasons for phenomena

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In Karnataka, the alarming issue of desertification and land degradation has become a growing concern as various factors contribute to the loss of productive land. According to a recent reply in the Rajya Sabha by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, the state witnessed desertification and degradation of 69.51 lakh hectares of its land during 2011-13, as per the Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India, 2016, by Space Application Centre (SAC), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Among the contributors to desertification in the state, the most substantial processes are water erosion and vegetation degradation. The largest contributor is vegetation degradation. This process involves the deterioration and loss of natural vegetation. The widespread and unplanned expansion of urban areas, deforestation for infrastructure development, and unsustainable agricultural practices have played a significant role in this. Approximately 1,712,386 hectares of land, accounting for about 8.93% of Karnataka's total area, has been affected by this process. The loss of vegetation not only impacts the state's biodiversity but also leads to soil erosion and reduced ecosystem services.

The second major contributor is the water erosion, which involves the removal and transport of soil and sediment by water, particularly in areas with hilly terrain and heavy rainfall. Over time, water erosion leads to the loss of fertile topsoil, reducing agricultural productivity and causing soil degradation. A substantial area of about 5,043,041 hectares, which is around 26.29% of Karnataka's land, has been impacted by water erosion. Soil conservation measures, such as terracing and afforestation, are essential to mitigate its adverse effects.

The Minister said that although comparatively small in extent, wind erosion is still a noteworthy contributor to desertification in the state. This process occurs predominantly in arid and semi-arid regions, where high wind speeds carry away topsoil, leaving behind barren and unproductive land. Approximately 2,159 hectares, accounting for 0.01% of Karnataka's land, has been affected by wind erosion. Afforestation and soil conservation methods can help prevent further degradation in wind-prone areas.

The widespread and unplanned expansion of urban areas leads to loss of vegetation cover

> **Factors such as improper land use, overgrazing, and unsustainable resource extraction lead to degradation of natural habitats and a loss of biodiversity**

Salinisation issue

Besides this, salinisation is a significant challenge in certain regions of Karnataka, affecting approximately 86,740 hectares, or 0.45% of the state's land. Salinity occurs when the accumulation of salts in the soil makes it unsuitable for cultivation and affects agricultural productivity. Poor drainage and excessive irrigation practices exacerbate the problem. Implementing proper irrigation and drainage management is essential to address salinity-related land degradation.

Human activities play a considerable role in contributing to desertification in Karnataka. Factors such as overgrazing, improper land use, and unsustainable resource extraction lead to the degradation of natural habitats and a loss of biodiversity.

Around 20,876 hectares, accounting for 0.11% of Karnataka's land, have been impacted by man-made activities. Sustainable land management practices, community involvement, and awareness programs can help mitigate the negative impacts.

Certain regions in Karnataka are naturally characterised by barren and rocky terrain, covering about 3,389 hectares or 0.02% of the state's land. These areas have limited potential for agricultural or other land uses due to their geological characteristics. Conservation efforts should focus on maintaining the ecological integrity of such regions.

Rapid urbanisation and population growth have resulted in the expansion of settlements, encroaching upon approximately 824,096 hectares or 0.43% of Karnataka's land. The conversion of agricultural land and natural habitats into built-up areas leads to a loss of valuable land resources. Responsible urban planning and sustainable development practices are crucial to balance the needs of growing populations while preserving vital land resources, said the minister.

The cumulative area affected by desertification stands at approximately 6,951,000 hectares, covering about 36.24% of the state's land. Around 62.49% (11,984,329 hectares) shows no apparent degradation. The Minister highlighted that almost all districts in Karnataka are affected by degradation, with the districts in the Western Ghats showing relatively less impact.

New BMTC buses link Sarjapur Rd to Hebbal, airport

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In response to persistent demands from citizens in East Bangalore, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced two new routes, connecting Sarjapur Road to Hebbal and the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). Citizens' groups had been advocating for these routes for several months.

The newly-introduced routes are designated as 500HS, covering Sarjapura to Hebbal, and KIAL 8D, linking Sarjapura to the airport. These routes pass through key locations such as Dommasandra, Kodathi, Doddakanelli, Kadubeesanahalli, and Marathalli, addressing the transportation needs of residents in these areas.

The BMTC has reported a total of 988 round trips on 18 routes from various major city locations to KIA. Additionally, 14 trips from Sarjapur to Doddakenalli, Bellandur Gate, Sarjapur Road Junction, Marathalli Bridge, and Hebbal to KIA 8D have been initiated, further enhancing connectivity for residents in these neighbourhoods.

A member of Citizens for East Bengaluru said, "We had been advocating for BMTC Vayu Vajra service, as passengers traveling to the airport previously had to board at Iblur Junction, causing inconvenience. Sarjapur Road that hosts major IT companies, is a vital route connecting the South-East to the rest of the city. The introduction of these bus services aims to reduce reliance on private transportation. We also urge that the frequency of buses be raised, particularly during the afternoon slots."

Another resident of the area appreciated the BMTC's responsiveness. "These new routes will not only ease daily commuting but also contribute to reducing traffic congestion in the region," they said.

Skywalk that leads right up to busy metro station

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In a move to ease the commute for metro users, residents, and office-goers, a new skywalk is set to come up near Seetharampalya Metro Station. Tens of thousands of commuters traversing the bustling Anjaneya Temple Junction and Graphite India Main Road are poised to benefit from this development, as the skywalk is expected to be open for public usage within the next two months.

A Mahadevapura Task Force member pointed out that the skywalk built through a PPP model is strategically constructed to connect metro commuters seamlessly to Seetharampalya Metro Station. The project aims to alleviate the challenges faced by pedestrians navigating the busy road, offering a safer and more convenient passage to their destination.

Commuters, particularly those residing in the vicinity and working in offices along Graphite India Main Road, are anticipated to experience a remarkable improvement in their daily commute.

The skywalk serves as a vital link, not only facilitating a swift and secure crossing but also promising to reduce traffic congestion by encouraging more pedestrians to opt for this elevated pathway.

Ongoing work at the skywalk near Seetharampalya Metro station will help pedestrians immensely

One of the primary advantages of the skywalk is its potential to enhance the overall pedestrian experience. With the ever-increasing footfall around the metro station, safety concerns for pedestrians have been a pressing issue. This elevated walkway is expected to not only enhance safety but also significantly reduce the time taken for pedestrians to traverse the road .

Clement Jayakumar from Mahadevapura task force said, "The work started 12 months back. Residents of Kundalahalli Colony, AECS Layout, Brookefield and others who need to get to the station can use this skywalk. This is an L-shaped skywalk. It will be ready in the next two months. There will be a lift and lighting and a security guard will be deployed. The skywalk also leads to an IT park. Our current assessment is that between 70,000-10,000 may use the pathway daily."

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LOVE AUDIT

Hit the reset button & get clear about your deal-breakers

As we manage to become aware of our hopes and fears and align our expectations accordingly to experience life, we generate our deal breakers and non-negotiables. And having certain non-negotiables isn't bad at all but it helps you serve your spirit more fruitfully.

Here are some ways you can identify your deal breakers:

Don't fence yourself in

Let life come to you. If you haven't explored any relationship in life so far you might not pick the range you want to set your deal breaker into. So, let go of any self-sabotage and get to know your likes and dislikes by meeting new folks. (Tip - Become more aware of your attachment style and get to know your body & emotional self more)

Learn from past experiences

Let the bygones be bygones but they definitely gave you experiences. So, learn what worked and how you responded to it emotionally, physically and overall. Is there anything you would like to improve? Or are there any underlying traits you would be looking for?

Trust your present

You've grown as a person and have connected more with your feminine side. The route to a happy relationship with yourself and others comes when you connect with your core. Trust your gut and your present and carve a path from there. Is there anything different you are feeling called to? Trust your present needs as you set your deal-breakers.

Frame it right

Your preferences, likes, wants, needs and communication style becomes more clear when you have framed your deal breakers right in your mind and can keep your point forward in an assertive manner. Clarity is the key! And if people can't stand your no's or your definite boundaries then they are very comfortable abusing your yes.

Below are some common themes that are deal breakers

If you accept anything less than you expect then eventually the resentment will pile on for you to deal with in the relationship.

Sexual compatibility

You might want your partner to be enthusiastic about oral sex and if they aren't and there is no room or desire to try at least then it is better to part ways.

Anger

Firstly, any physical or verbal abuse done under the name of anger issues shall not be pushed under the rug. If the way they communicate their anger doesn't feel right in your gut then that's the deal breaker right there.

Communication

Once you are on the same page about your relationship dynamic and have managed to communicate your expectations but they don't seem to put any effort then let them go. For example - You are someone who thrives on communication and can't stand anyone who goes without communicating when in a committed partnership. If they can't properly communicate with you, that's an ultimate dealbreaker.

Proximity

If due to some external circumstances either of you had to move far away but you don't have a date to close the gap in the future then you have something to think about here. For some people, saying no to being in a long-distance relationship without any end date might not be their cup of tea.

Relationship tag

Being clear about where you both stand in the relationship is very important. If you can't name the relationship you are having and if they don't want to ever think of the same then you know where you stand and where you want to go from there.

Remember, when you are clear about what you want you allow other people to show up and offer corrective experiences which you might have never experienced before. Jot down your deal breakers and hit that reset button.

—by Vrushali Khadilkar, Femina

MIRRORLIGHTS

Patient moves cursor with brain implant: Musk

Elon Musk says the first human patient with a brain implant from his Neuralink startup is able to move a computer mouse with thought.

Last month, Musk's neurotechnology company installed a brain implant in its first human patient and on Monday Musk reported the experiment had been a success.

"The patient seems to have made a full recovery with no ill effects," Musk said in an interview streamed on X, formerly Twitter.

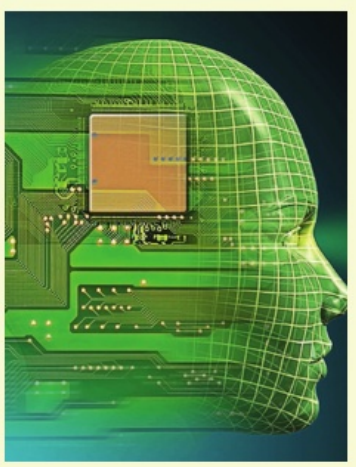
The patient is able to "move the mouse around the screen just by thinking," Musk said.

"We're trying to get as many button presses as possible from thinking," Musk added. "You want to have, obviously, more than just two buttons."

Neuralink's technology works through a device about the size of five stacked coins that is placed inside the human brain through invasive surgery.

The startup, cofounded by Musk in 2016, aims to build direct communication channels between the brain and computers.

The ambition is to supercharge human capabilities, treat neurological disorders like ALS or Parkinson's, and maybe one day achieve a symbiotic relationship between humans and artificial intelligence.



Musk is hardly alone in trying to make advances in the field, which is officially known as brain-machine or brain-computer interface research.

Hit with delays, the tycoon had reportedly reached out to join forces with implant developer Synchron.

The Australia-based Synchron implanted its first device in a US patient in July 2022. **— AFP**

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Plant-based diet

Less likely to suffer from sleep disorder

People who consume a plant-based diet rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and nuts are less likely to suffer from obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), according to a study published in ERJ Open Research.

Healthy food for sleep

People who consume an unhealthy plant-based diet rich in refined carbohydrates, sugary drinks, and high-sugar, high-salt foods are more likely to develop OSA.

Symptoms and risks of OSA

People with OSA frequently snore loudly, their breathing begins and ends throughout the night, and they may wake up multiple times. This not only causes fatigue, but may also increase the risk of high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes.

Risk factors

Researchers said its findings suggest that eating a healthy, plant-based diet may help prevent or treat OSA.

The research was led by Dr Yohannes Melaku from Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia.

He said, "Risk factors for obstructive sleep apnoea may stem from genetics or behaviour, including diet. Previous research has primarily focused on the impact of calorie restriction, specific dietary elements and weight loss. There's a gap in our knowledge of how overall dietary patterns affect OSA risk. With this study, we wanted to address that gap and explore the association between different types of plant-based diets and the risk of OSA."

Gender disparity

The researchers also found differences in the risks for women and men, with a plant-based diet having a stronger correlation with OSA risk for men and an unhealthy plant-based diet having a bigger increase in women's risk.

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All eyes on K'taka's Vrinda, Veda as WPL kicks off

Both players have been in limelight this year and are star picks for their teams

All matches until March 4 will be played at the Chinnaswamy Stadium

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Karnataka's Vrinda Dinesh, 22, who made history by becoming the second-most expensive uncapped player in Women's Premier League history when she was roped in by UP Warriorz for a whopping Rs. 1.3 crore in the mini-auctions for the 2024 edition of the WPL in Mumbai and Karnataka's skipper Veda Krishnamurthy, 31, who was grabbed by Gujarat Titans for her base price of Rs 30 lakhs, will be the cynosure as the second edition kicks-off at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday, February 23, 2024.

Over the past two seasons, Vrinda has emerged as one of the most prolific scorers and earlier this year, she played a crucial role in Karnataka's run up to the final of the BCCI - Senior Women's One Day tournament and amassed 477 runs in 11 innings and emerged as the tournament's fifth-highest run-getter.

Earlier this year, she was not picked for the Emerging Team Cup in Hong Kong. However, with Hyderabad seamer S. Yashasri injured, Vrinda got a lucky break and was sent in as a replacement player. She made use of the opportunity and scored 36 runs in the final, guiding India A to a victory against Bangladesh. Vrinda earned a India A call-up for the home T20 series against England A.

Veda Krishnamurthy, a right-handed batter and who bowls right-arm leg breaks, was roped in by Gujarat Giants at the base price of 30 lakh. Meanwhile, her T20 debut for India was in a match against Australia in the Natwest T20 Quadrangular series at Billericay, on the same tour of England. Veda made her debut in international cricket at the age of 18 in a ODI against England in Derby in 2011 and scored 51 runs in that match. Meanwhile, her T20 debut for India was in a match against Australia in the Natwest T20 Quadrangular series at Billericay, on the tour of England. Krishnamurthy was part of the Indian team to reach the final of the 2017 Women's Cricket World Cup when India lost to England narrowly by nine runs.

In October 2018, Veda was named in India's squad for the 2018 Women's T20 World Cup tournament in the West Indies. In January 2020, she was named in India's squad for the 2020 ICC T20 Women's World Cup tournament in Australia.

With plenty of international experience, Veda is bound to cement her place with the Gujarat Giants in the WPL.

Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore, UP Warriorz are the five teams in the fray. Meg Lanning of Australia leads Delhi Capitals. Bethany Mooney of Australia leads Gujarat Giants, Harmanpreet Kaur of India captains Mumbai Indians, Smriti Mandhana of India leads Royal Challengers Bangalore while Alyssa Healy of Australia is the captain of UP Warriorz. She also leads the Australian national team.

The marquee tournament will begin on 23 February and conclude on 17 March, comprising 22 matches – 20 league matches, an eliminator match, and the final. All matches will start at 7.30 pm IST to attract the television audience.

All matches until March 4 will be played at the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, and the remaining matches will be hosted at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi.

WPL 2024: Teams And Squads:

Delhi Capitals: Alice Capsey, Arundhati Reddy, Jemimah Rodrigues, Jess Jonassen, Laura Harris, Marizanne Kapp, Meg Lanning, Minnu Mani, Poonam Yadav, Radha Yadav, Shefali Verma, Shikha Pandey, Sneha Deepthi, Taniya Bhatia, Titas Sadhu, Annabel Sutherland*, Aparna Mondal, Ashwani Kumari.

Gujarat Giants: Ashleigh G, Beth M, Dayalan Hemalatha, Harleen Deol, Laura Wolvaardt, Shabnam Shakil, Sneh Rana, Tanuja Kanwar, Phoebe Litchfield, Meghna Singh, Trisha Poojitha, Kashvee Gautam, Priya Mishra, Lauren Cheatle, Kathryn Bryce, Mannat Kashyap, Veda Krishnamurthy, Tarannum Pathan

Mumbai Indians: Amanjot Kaur, Amelia Kerr, Chloe Tryon, Harmanpreet Kaur, Hayley Matthews, Humaira Kazi, Issy Wong, Jintimani Kalita, Nat Sciver-Brunt, Pooja Vastrakar, Priyanka Bala, Saika Ishaque, Yastika Bhatia, Shabnim Ismail, S Sajana, Amandeep Kaur, Fatima Jaffer, Keerthana Balakrishnan

Royal Challengers Bangalore: Asha Shobana, Disha Kasat, Ellyse Perry, Heather Knight (withdrawn), Indrani Roy, Kanika Ahuja, Renuka Singh, Richa Ghosh, Shreyanka Patil, Smriti Mandhana, Sophie Devine, Georgia Wareham, Kate Cross, Ekta Bisht, Shubha Satheesh, S Meghana, Simran Bahadur, Sophie Molineux

UP Warriorz: Alyssa Healy, Anjali Sarvani, Deepti Sharma, Grace Harris, Kiran Navgire, Lauren Bell (withdrawn, replaced by Chamari Athapaththu), Laxmi Yadav, Parshavi Chopra, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Soppadhandi Yashasri, Shweta Sehrawat, Sophie Ecclestone, Tahlia McGrath, Danni Wyatt, Vrinda Dinesh, Poonam Khemnar, Saima Thakor, Gouher Sultana.

-SS Shreekumar

Women Premier League (WPL) 2024 Full Schedule:

Feb 23- Mumbai Indians vs Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru
Feb 24- Royal Challengers Bangalore vs UP Warriors in Bengaluru
Feb 25- Gujarat Giants vs Mumbai Indians in Bengaluru
Feb 26 – UP Warriors vs Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru
Feb 27 – Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Gujarat Giants in Bengaluru
Feb 28 – Mumbai Indians vs UP Warriors in Bengaluru
Feb 29 – Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru
March 1 – UP Warriors vs Gujarat Giants in Bengaluru
March 2 – Royal Challengers Bangalore vs Mumbai Indians in Bengaluru
March 3 – Gujarat Giants vs Delhi Capitals in Bengaluru
March 4 – UP Warriors vs Royal Challengers Bangalore in Bengaluru
March 5 – Delhi Capitals vs Mumbai Indians in Delhi.
March 6 – Gujarat Giants vs Royal Challengers Bangalore in Delhi
March 7 – UP Warriors vs Mumbai Indians in Delhi
March 8 – Delhi Capitals vs UP Warriors in Delhi
March 9 – Mumbai Indians vs Gujarat Giants in Delhi
March 10 – Delhi Capitals vs Royal Challengers Bangalore in Delhi
March 11 – Gujarat Giants vs UP Warriors in Delhi
March 12 – Mumbai Indians vs Royal Challengers Bangalore in Delhi
March 13 – Delhi Capitals vs Gujarat Giants in Delhi
March 15 – Eliminator in Delhi
March 17 – Final in Delhi

Manisha's brace seals India's win against Estonia

#ALANYA (TURKEY)

The Indian football team withstood a late charge by Estonia to pick up a hard-fought 4-3 win in the Turkish Women's Cup on Wednesday, the side's first victory against an European nation.

Striker Manisha Kalyan scored a brace and the Chaoba Devi-coached side created a piece of history as the Indian senior women's team had never before triumphed over a team from the UEFA confederation in an official outing.

The teams were locked 1-1 at half time. Manisha struck in the 17th and 81st minutes while Indumathi Kathiresan (62'), and Pyari Xaxa (79') scored the other goals for India.

Lisette Tammik (32'), Vlada Kubassova (88') and Mari Liis Lillemae (90') found the target for Estonia.

Played at the picturesque Gold City Sports Complex, the Blue Tigresses made a perfect start when they shot into the lead through a Manisha goal.

After Estonia drew level off a strike by Lisette Tammik, a rampaging India struck thrice through Indumathi, Xaxa and Manisha to take a commanding 4-1 lead. Estonia made a last-ditch effort to equalise, but the Indian defence did a fine job to see out the rest of the time and secure a memorable win. **PTI**

TT: Indian teams bow out in pre-quarters

#BUSAN

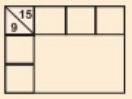
The Indian men's and women's table tennis teams on Wednesday suffered defeats in their pre-quarterfinal ties at the World Team Table Tennis Championships Finals 2024.

For the Indian women's team, ranked 17th in the world, their journey came to an end after a hard-fought battle against world No. 4 Chinese Taipei. Despite a valiant effort from Manika Batra, who secured an early lead with a thrilling victory, the team faltered against their formidable opponents. The spirited performances from Sreeja Akula and Ayhika Mukherjee were not enough to turn the tide, ultimately culminating in a 3-1 defeat. Chinese Taipei, ranked fourth in the world, defeated the 17th-ranked Indian women's team 3-1 in their round of 16 match.

Similarly, the men's team, ranked 15th globally, faced a formidable challenge against world No. 5 South Korea. Despite the best efforts of top-ranked players, India fell short, succumbing to a clean sweep. **--IANS**

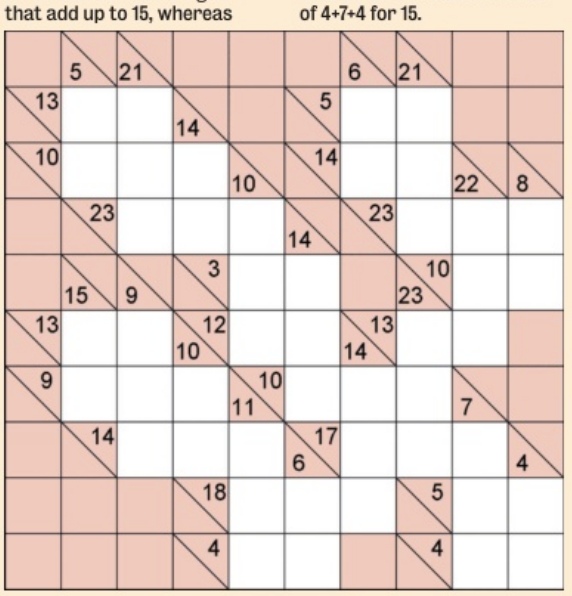
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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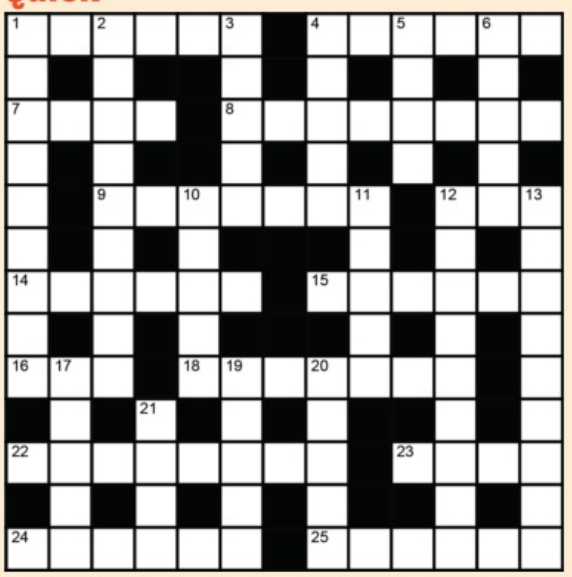


ACROSS

1 Fertilized egg (6)
4 Famished (6)
7 Person from Phuket (4)
8 Bordering on? (8)
9 Prudent (7)
12 Former US net giant: abbr. (3)
14 Ministers of the church (6)
15 ____ Lake: Picnic spot north east of the city. (6)
16 Speak aloud (3)
18 Urge or impel forward; push forward (5,2)
22 Sharply defined? (5-3)
23 Thrash or flog (4)
24 Leisurely, musically speaking (6)
25 Assuage (6)

DOWN

1 Charms (9)
2 Sacrilege, profanity (9)
3 Muscat native (5)
4 Nymph of Muslim paradise (5)
5 Cricket practice? (4)
6 Mr Starr of The Beatles (5)
10 Help in mounting (3-2)
11 ___ names : abuses? (5)
12 Ornamentation (9)
13 Opera-glasses (9)
17 Was unwell or was sick (5)
19 Right hand page of an open book (5)
20 Fills to satisfaction (5)
21 Pointed tooth (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS W

ET WYKT AEM TYUO YRH MRT NMXAW OM AWYA ET IYR PZOATR AEZIT YO NXIW YO ET OCTYG.

Linemaro

Your voice sounds like the tinkling of a bell

Mindchow

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way

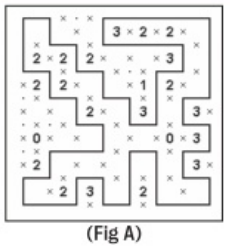
Joke of the day

Do things that make you happy within the confines of the legal system

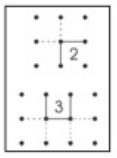
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

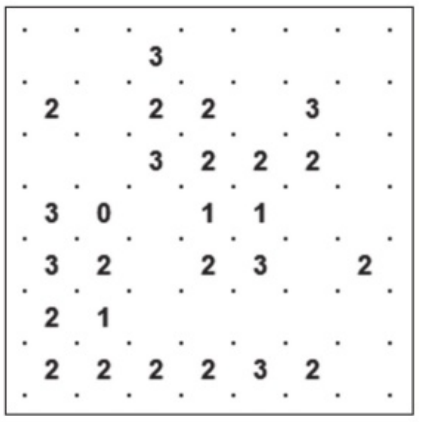


(Fig B) Not Allowed

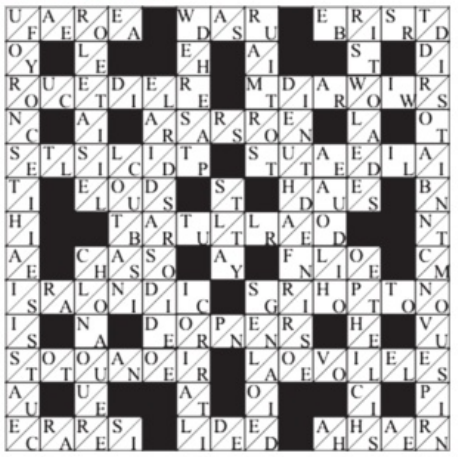
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				Y

ACROSS

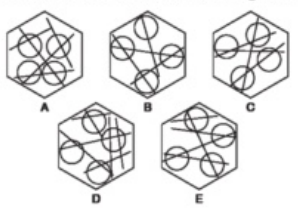
1 Slaps; 6 Tutor;
7 To err; 8 I rice;
9 Ace py

DOWN

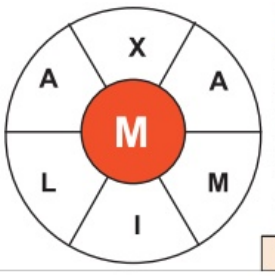
1 Trips; 2 A race;
3 Colt I; 4 Rupee;
5 Troys

Mensapuzzle

To which hexagon below can a dot be added so that it then meets the same conditions as in the hexagon on right?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	9				5			
6			1	3				9
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	7	3	6					
3	6		7	8				
8				1	4			2
			5				3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4
2 4 6 8

Medium = 1
4 4 5 6

Hard = 12
2 3 5 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

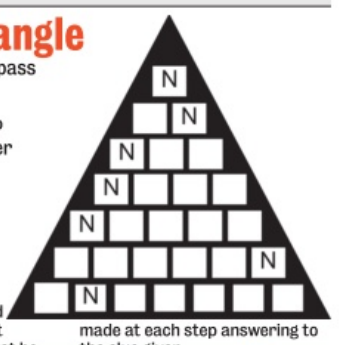
Differences: 1. Sale sign is moved. 2. Tag is moved. 3. Finger is different. 4. Box is missing. 5. Window is wider. 6. Man is thinner.

Riddler

I am only a word of five letters, but I have caused great calamities. Take away my head and I enhance a city. Behead me once more and I am a place where all the world once congregated. If at first you curtail me, I am a mineral. Curtail once more and I am a fashionable resort. Yet if instead you cut off both my head and my tail it does not deteriorate my value.

Alpha triangle

1 North on the compass
2 A's alternative
3 "Nope!"
4 Biblical boatman ?
5 Acapulco appetizer
6 Styx ferryman
7 Ship stoppers

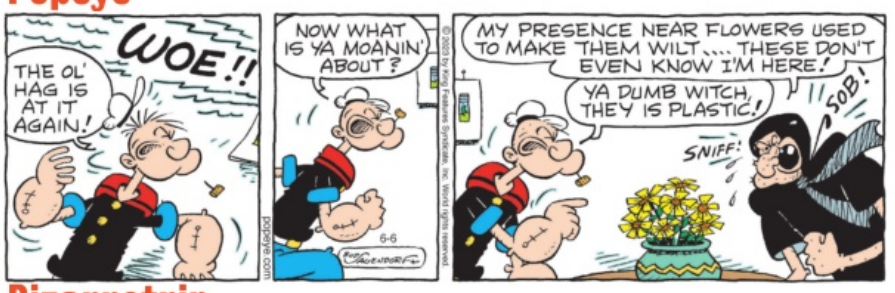


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


WOE!!
THE OL' HAG IS AT IT AGAIN!
NOW WHAT IS YA MOANIN' ABOUT?
MY PRESENCE NEAR FLOWERS USED TO MAKE THEM WILT.... THESE DON'T EVEN KNOW I'M HERE!
YA DUMB WITCH, THEY IS PLASTIC!
SNIFF!
SOB!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

THE INVISIBLE MAN:
HAPPY HALLOWEEN, CLAUDE
SAME TO YOU, LIL
WHAT'LL YOU BE WEARING TONIGHT?
NOTHING
I DON'T THINK IT'S "COME AS YOU ARE"
IT IS WITH ME

Hart of the city

GO! GO TALK TO HIM!
I'M GOING, I'M GOING!
HEY, DEAN. WHAT ARE YOU READING?
AN OLD ISSUE OF NEUTRON MAN.
AND LET ME GUESS: YOUR MOM WROTE IT. OH WAIT, SHE IS NEUTRON MAN.
HEY, DON'T BE A JERK! I WAS JUST GONNA SAY THAT THESE OLD ISSUES HAVE GREAT ADS!
LOOK, X-RAY SPECS!
OH NO, I NEED THESE!

Crankshaft

THE OWNER OF MONTONI'S, FUNKY WINKERBEAN, IS FLYING UP FROM FLORIDA TO MEET WITH US!
WINKERBEAN!?
I'D WATCH OUT... THIS COULD BE A SCAM!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be happy and have good patience, which may reflect into your way of working. You may complete your task in an efficient way. You may plan to visit a religious place. You may make some donation to a religious place or to some charity. Love birds may develop trust in their relationship. You may be able to control your opponents.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull which would affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects that were to be completed. It may affect your prestige in your professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventurous trips or rushed driving. Love birds may see turbulence in their relationships. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel a positive vibration around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect some long-distance travel also. You will have faith in your spouse, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may perform your best in the office. You may have good bonding with the boss. You may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may be cured now. You may get good incentives at your work also. Disputes with the siblings may be resolved now. Job seekers may find new jobs.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel that your life is becoming challenging. You may take some advice from your elders on how to sustain in the given situation. You need to keep patience. Kids' education issues also make you upset. You may have to undertake a short trip in connection with kids' academics. Investors are advised to avoid speculations before making any investments.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be a victim of dissatisfaction. You may not get good results for your hard work. It may bring you disappointment. You are advised to read documents carefully before signing on a new contract. Investment in assets may be possible today. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in fixed assets.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with social get-togethers and family occasions. This may increase your network. You may also plan for a work-related short trip. Disputes between siblings will be resolved now. Your subordinates may cooperate with you to complete a difficult project. Your confidence may be high. You are advised to keep patience while interacting with any person.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy with family get-togethers. You may be polite with the people around you, which may increase your image among your relatives and friends. You will spend money in buying some artefacts and other items that will improve your social status. You may hear some good news from one of your close relatives.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today happiness may be around you. It can help you enjoy your day-to-day work. Your vital power may help you take difficult decisions, which will increase your profits in the near future. You may plan for a work-related short trip. Subordinates and colleagues may support you to complete your work on time. Students may find that they are more focused in studies. You are advised to control your eating habits to avoid stomach issues.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull. Sleeplessness may affect your mental and physical health. You may also be upset due to health issues of your family members. Your expenditure on worthless items may affect your savings. You may become a victim of conspiracy so you are advised to keep an eye on your opponents.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may start your day with happiness. At work, you may make quick decisions, which may give benefits in the near future. You may expect some new source of income, which may boost your savings. With the help of your partner, you may invest some amount in the business, which may be profitable in the near future. Your understanding with the spouse may be increased, which may result in harmony in your domestic life.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy at the office. Due to mental tiredness, you may not be able to give time to your family. With the help of elders' blessings, job seekers may get some high positions at work. Managers may get promoted to top management. You may get rewards, which may increase your status. Professionally you may do better today.

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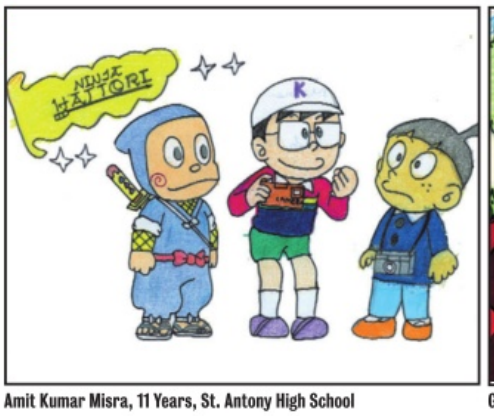

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BULL'S EYE
imam, lama, lima, mail, malm, mama, maxim, MAXIMAL

STRIKE OUT

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R	E	T	R	O				

FAST FIVE

RIDDLER
Spark

MENSA PUZZLE
D: so that it appears in a circle with three seconds (lines) passing through it

QUOTE UNCODE
We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 - 8 + 4 + 2 = 4
Medium
6 x 4 / 4 - 5 = 1
Hard
5 + 3 - 2 x 2 = 12

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, An, Nah, Noah, Nacho, Charon, Anchors.

LOOP

KAKURO

SUDOKU

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6	4	5	1	3	7	2	8	9
7	3	8	9	6	2	1	4	5
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Emma in 'Save the Green Planet' remake – Actor Emma Stone is in talks to collaborate with Yorgos Lanthimos on his remake of the South Korean fantasy comedy 'Save the Green Planet', reported Variety

Tryst with khaki

Vidyut Jamwal finds himself in an unexpected predicament. The actor, set to dazzle in the upcoming extreme sports action movie 'Crakk' alongside Arjun Rampal has recently faced a turn of events leading to police involvement.

Initially generating excitement with behind-the-scenes glimpses and promotional videos, the 'Crakk' team appeared to be gearing up for a high-octane movie release. However, recent developments suggest a different narrative.

Pictures posted by Arjun Rampal from a police station reveal Vidyut Jammwal's unexpected visit to the authorities.

The caption accompanying Rampal's post adds intrigue, stating that Vidyut may have b better off taking Arjun advice. The cause of t police involvement remains unclear, and speculations are rife regarding the actor's current scene.

—ETimes

MEETING POINT

When Shahid met Kareena on red carpet

Shahid Kapoor and Kareena Kapoor, who used to date each other, bumped into the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024, which stirred up conversations. Shahid was seen standing alongside filmmakers Krishna DK and Raj Nidimoru on the red carpet of the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024, according to a recent video posted to social media. They shared a laugh while posing together for the paparazzi. As Shahid's ex-girlfriend Kareena walked past them, she smiled and shook hands only with Raj. Shahid, standing next to him, smiled and glanced at her. After

Kareena moved on and posed solo on the red carpet, Shahid continued to smile.

After the video went viral many of the users and fans reacted and gushed to the comment section. One of the users wrote, "Shahid still had a smile on his face no matter how she behaved. The gentleman acted the right way."

Another comment reads, "No matter how ironic she acted in front, at the end she seemed to have melted behind."

Shahid had previously shared about his pleasant interaction with Kareena in a November 2016 interview

with Hindustan Times, reminiscing about their encounter at an event while Kareena was pregnant.

Shahid Kapoor had disclosed that during their conversation, they talked about his daughter Misha Kapoor, who was born in August 2016, and Kareena's soon-to-be-born baby, Taimur Ali Khan, who was born in

December 2016. Shahid

said,Yes, I did bump into her, and it was heartwarming to see her fully pregnant, because I've just been through that experience of having a baby. I felt happy for her. I asked her when she was due, and she told me it was sometime next month. She also asked about Misha. So it was very nice."

Since their breakup, Kareena Kapoor and Shahid Kapoor have never appeared together on screen. However, in the 2016 film 'Udta Punjab,' although they starred in the same movie, they did not have any scenes together and did not need to shoot together even once.

Shahid and Kareena were in a relationship for several years before they parted ways in 2007. Their relationship had always made headlines, and when their kissing photos were leaked in 2004, it exploded.

— ETimes

Awarded with style

Bollywood megastar Shah Rukh Khan and south superstar Nayanthara, who worked together in the blockbuster film 'Jawan', reunited at an award function and had a gala time on stage.

At the recently held Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2024, Nayanthara was feted with the Best Actress trophy by SRK. A video from the event shows SRK holding her hand as she climbed up the stage to receive the award.

SRK also did an impromptu hook step of 'Chaleya' from 'Jawan' as he held Nayanthara's hand. A video of the same is now going viral on the Internet. In the video, he can also be seen pecking the actress.

Nayanthara, who made her Hindi cinema debut with director Atlee's 'Jawan', donned a golden yellow saree and tied her hair in a bun. She rounded off her look with a choker and matching earrings.

SRK also received the Best Actor award at the ceremony. He posed with actress Rani Mukerji at the event. 'Jawan', which emerged as one of the biggest blockbusters of 2023, clinched the honour for Best Film. The entire team of 'Jawan' including director Atlee, his wife Priya, Ravichander, were present at the award show in Mumbai.

—IANS

Just married

Rakul Preet Singh and Jackky Bhagnani, who have been dating each other for a long time, tied the knot on Wednesday in a traditional Sikh wedding ceremony called the 'Anand Karaj.'

The wedding was attended by the couple's family members and close friends in Goa. From Shilpa Shetty to Arjun Kapoor, Varun Dhawan and Esha Deol, who's who of Bollywood marked their presence at the ceremony to bless the couple on embarking on their new journey.

Meanwhile, a picture of the couple's Anand Karaj wedding ceremony standee surfaced online.

Rakul and Jackky will also get married as per Hindu rituals in the evening. Their pre-wedding festivities kickstarted on February 19. Rakul and Jackky made their relationship Instagram official in October 2021.

On the work front, Rakul will be seen in 'Indian 2' alongside Kamal Haasan.

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